

**CHILDREN OF SCHOOL-GOING AGE IN MATTANCHERI—
PARTICULARS**

112. Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(a) the number of children of school-going age in Mattancheri constituency in general;

(b) the number of children of school-going age amidst the Depressed Classes and Backward Classes in Mattancheri?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction):

(a) 10,300 approximately.

(b) 3,800 approximately.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Are all these children in schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): No, not all of them.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Are you in a position to say how many of them are in the schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): Unfortunately, these statistics have been collected from the Census report plus our own school census. I was very anxious, Sir, when this question came that the reply should be furnished, because he wanted only approximate figures. If the hon'ble member wants accurate figures, I will have to make a fresh survey. I can only say now that all the children are not under effective instruction.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): There was an answer once furnished as to the exact number attending the schools.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): That is obsolete now. Except with regard to the backward and depressed classes, I can safely say with my experience of education in general in the State and that of Mattancheri in particular that more than 75 per cent in the case of other communities will be under effective instruction.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): What about depressed classes and backward classes?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): Will be roughly about 50.